

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

1. (Previously presented) A system for enabling network users to establish at least one communication with one or more target network users, the one or more target network users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within two or more types of electronic documents, the system comprising:

user indicator presentation means for presenting one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications and wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target network users;

communication selection means for providing a status indication of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators and enabling selection of at least one communication mode from the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

communication means for activating at least one communication mode associated with the user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising communication preventing means for enabling the network users to prevent the target network users from establishing communications with the network users.

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 2, further comprising urgent communication request means for enabling the one or more target network users to override the communication preventing means and to send an urgent communication request.

4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising preference presentation means for presenting the network users preference for receiving communications.

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 4, further comprising communication options presenting means for presenting communication options to network users in an order preferred by the corresponding target network users.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising conference communication means for enabling the network users to establish conference communications.

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the conference communication means enable the network users to share at least one application.

8. (Previously presented) A method for enabling network users to establish at least one communication with one or more target network users, the one or more target network users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within two or more types of electronic documents, the method comprising the steps of:

generating the two or more types of electronic documents using two or more types of applications;

presenting one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein each user indicator is associated with the one or more target network users;

providing a status indication of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

selecting at least one communication mode from the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

providing a communication link to the one or more target network users associated with the one or more user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of establishing communication between the network users and the one or more target network users

upon selection of user indicators and activating the at least one communication mode associated with the selected user indicators.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of enabling the network users to prevent the one or more target network users from establishing communication with the network users based on the system users request for privacy.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of establishing an urgent communication request that overrides the network users request for privacy.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of presenting one or more communication option preferences that correspond to the network users preference for receiving communications.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of establishing communication comprises establishing a conference communication.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of establishing conference communication comprises sharing at least one application among network users.

15. (Previously presented) A system for enabling network users to establish at least one communication with one or more target network users, the one or more target network users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within two or more types of electronic documents, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications and wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target network users;

a status determination module that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables the network users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status determination; and

a communication module that enables the network users to activate at least one communication mode associated with user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising a communication preventing module that enables the network users to prevent the target network users from establishing communications with the network users.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising an urgent communication request module that enables the one or more target network users to override the communication preventing module and to send an urgent communication request.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, further comprising a communication options preference presentation module that presents the network users preference for receiving communications.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, further comprising a communication options presenting module that presents communication options to network users in an order preferred by the corresponding target network users.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising a conference communication module that enables the network users to establish conference communications.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the conference communication module enables the network users to share at least one application.

22. (Previously presented) A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling at least one network user to establish at least one communication with one or more target network users, the one or more target network users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within two or more types of electronic documents, the medium comprising:

processor readable code that causes a processor to enable the one or more network users to generate the two or more types of electronic documents using two or more types of applications;

processor readable code that causes the processor to identify the one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents;

processor readable code that causes the processor to determine a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

processor readable code that causes the processor to select at least one communication mode from the plurality of communication modes based on the status determination; and

processor readable code that causes the processor to provide at least one communication link to one or more communication options associated with the one or more user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

23. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 22, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to establish communication between the network users and the one or more target network users upon selection of user indicators and activating the at least one communication mode associated with the selected user indicators.

24. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 22, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to prevent the one or more target network users from establishing a communication with network users.

25. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 24, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more target network users to send an urgent communication request.

26. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 22, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more network users to identify a preference for receiving at least one communication.

27. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 26, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to present the at least one communication mode in an order preferred by the at least one network user.

28. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 22, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more network users to establish conference communications.

29. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 28, wherein the processor readable code enables the one or more network users to share at least one application upon establishing conference communications.

30. (Previously presented) A system for enabling network users to establish at least one communication with one or more target network users, the one or more target network users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within two or more types of electronic documents, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic document, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications and wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target network users;

a status determination module associated with a first application type that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module associated with a second application type that enables the network users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status determination, wherein the first application type and the second application type are different application types; and

a communication module that enables the network users to activate at least one communication mode associated with user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

31. (Previously presented) A system for enabling network users to establish at least one communication with one or more target network users, the one or more target network users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within two or more types of electronic documents, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of non-HTML applications, and wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target network users;

a status determination module that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables the network users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status determination; and

a communication module that enables the network users to activate at least one communication mode associated with user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

32. (Previously presented) A communication system, comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications, wherein each user indicator is

associated with one or more target network users, and wherein the one or more target network users comprises all network users capable of accessing the communication system;

a status determination module associated with a first application type that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module associated with a second application type that enables network users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status determination, wherein the first application type and the second application type are different application types; and

a communication module that enables the network users to activate at least one communication mode associated with user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

33. (Previously presented) A communication system, comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications, wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target network users, and wherein the one or more target network users comprises all network users capable of accessing the communication system;

a status determination module that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables network users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status determination; and

a communication module that enables the network users to activate at least one communication mode associated with user indicators presented in the two or more types of applications.

34. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the status indication of the plurality of communication modes comprises a plurality of status indicators that correspond to the plurality of communication modes.

35. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, wherein activating at least one communication mode includes selecting at least one of the plurality of status indicators to initiate activation.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the status indication of the plurality of communication modes comprises a plurality of status indicators that correspond to the plurality of communication modes.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein selecting at least one communication mode includes selecting at least one of the plurality of status indicators.

38. (Previously presented) A system for enabling network users to establish at least one communication with one or more of a plurality of target network users, the one or more of the plurality target network users being associated with one of a plurality of user indicators that are presented within two or more types of electronic documents generated by two or more types of applications, the system comprising:

documents generated by the two or more applications, wherein each document includes at least two user depictions associated with at least two network users;

an identification determining module that references the user directory to access at least two user indicators that correspond to the at least two network users associated with the at least two user depictions included in the documents;

a user indicator presentation module that presents the at least two user indicators within the documents, wherein the user indicator presentation module is capable of presenting the at least two user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents that are capable of being generated using the two or more types of applications;

a status determination module that determines statuses of a plurality of communication modes associated with the at least two user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables the network users to select at least one communication mode from the plurality of communication modes based on the status determination; and

a communication module that enables the network users to activate at least one communication mode associated with one or more of the at least two user indicators presented in the documents.